

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 2, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M.
  - A. Opening Prayer was given by Senior Minister Greg Tatum of the First Christian Church.
  - B. Pledge – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Ann Devore, Rob Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell
  - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
  - A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REZONE A PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY 3.41 ACRES, LOCATED AT 910 SOUTH MARR ROAD, FROM I-3 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO SU-1 (CHURCHES), TO ALLOW A CURRENT BUILDING AND PARKING LOT TO BE USED AS A CHURCH FACILITY.” (Little Rock Ministries) Laura Thayer explained that this matter was previously postponed and was again coming before the council. Laura read the recommendation of the Columbus Plan Commission which recommended denying the requested rezoning by a vote of 8 to 1 for the reason that it did not meet the criteria for rezoning. Joyce Thayer Sword, attorney representing the Little Rock Ministries explained to the council that there were many positive reasons to rezone the property. She spoke of how the church helps this community. She reported the facility is in compliance with code enforcement and the fire department regulations. Joyce Thayer Sword explained that industrial use means taking raw materials and manufacturing things. She went on to say that is exactly what the church will do. It will take the raw materials, being the people, and mold them into good parts of the community. Pastor Tim Miracle spoke about his profession as a minister and that he was appealing to the council to vote in favor of the rezoning. The following people spoke. Each spoke in favor of the rezoning citing basically the idea that the church would be offering back to the city only positive things. People that spoke in addition to Joyce Thayer Sword and Pastor Tim Miracle were Nick Hill, Jim Burden, Pastor Jim Miracle, John Nickoll, Chris Ogle, Lari-Dawn Hamm, Susan Vannice, Troy Stags, Don Denotter, Curtis Ward and

Jami Graham. There was no one that spoke opposing the rezoning. George Dutro asked to read the Columbus Plan Commission Staff Report. August Tindell made a motion to place the matter in proper channels and John Brown seconded it. Roll call was taken and the motion passed with a 5 to 2 vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

There was no new business presented to the council.

IV. Other Business

- A. Committee and Liaison reports were give for informational purposes.
- B. Because of several council members being absent at the next regularly scheduled meeting of March 16<sup>th</sup>, the meeting was rescheduled for March 23, 2004 in the Cal Brand Meeting Hall.
- C. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved to adjourn. August Tindell seconded. The motion to adjourn passed 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 PM.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer